

SMOKING

Objective:	To establish a policy to create a smoke-free environment for all of Tompkins County's facilities, vehicles or mobile equipment, and property.	Policy Number:	01-23
Reference: <i>(All applicable federal, state, and local laws)</i>	County Code, Chapter 72, Article I; County Code, Chapter 72, Article II; New York State Indoor Air Act of 2003.	Effective Date:	11/01/2011 June 7, 1983
		Responsible Department:	Administration Department
		Modified Date (s):	9/20/2011 5/19/92, 7/7/09, 8/22/11
Legislative Policy Statement:	Recognizing the accumulated weight of scientific studies that document the harm to public health from exposure to both direct and second-hand smoke, it is the policy of the Tompkins County Legislature to ban smoking in all its facilities and mobile equipment and on all its properties, and to support efforts to educate its employees and the general public as to the harms that accrue from smoking.	Resolution No.:	2011-166 89-001 90-006
General Information:		Next Scheduled Review:	October 2016

I. Definitions

Smoking - The smoking, burning, heating or use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes or other items that mimic these tobacco products or their likeness, including but not limited to hookahs, vapor cigarettes, and electronic cigarettes ("e-cigarettes") will be prohibited in facilities, vehicles, equipment, or the property of Tompkins County, leased or owned. In addition, the use of nicotine delivery devices or products not approved for cessation by the FDA is also prohibited.

Facilities and Property - Tompkins County buildings, parking lots, entrance lanes and sidewalks, structures, county owned vehicles or privately owned vehicles parked on county property, and landscaped areas.

Persons – Tompkins County employees, clients, visitors, contractors, and the general public.

II. Policy:

County Code, Chapter 72, Article I prohibits smoking in any County-owned or occupied buildings or vehicles. The New York State Clean Indoor Air Act (Public Health Law Section 1399-o) and County Code, Chapter 72, Article II, prohibit smoking in places of employment, restaurants and, taverns to protect employees and the public from second-hand smoke.

All Tompkins County facilities and property, whether owned or leased, shall be smoke-free as of November 1, 2011, with the following exceptions:

- **Airport Terminal and Adjacent County Building and Property** - Designated areas with appropriate signage approved by the Airport Manager for employees only, no less than 30 feet from County buildings.
- **Department of Emergency Response** – Designated area approved by the Director of Emergency Response for employees only, no less than 30 feet from County building. All signage at main entrance to building will indicate no smoking on County property.
- **Sheriff's Office** – Designated area approved by the Sheriff for employees only. All signage at main entrance to building will indicate no smoking on County property.

III. Procedure:

Signage will be maintained as needed to convey the policy and assure a standard of compliance.

Information regarding smoking cessation shall be available to all employees.